



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenues.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0112.

Form Number(s): F-71, F-72, F-73.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 7,351.

Average Hours Per Response: F-71 – 5 minutes; F-72 – 30 minutes; F-73 – 20 minutes.

Burden Hours: 7,978.

Needs and Uses: State and local government tax collections, amounting to nearly \$1.4 trillion annually, constitute approximately 43 percent of all governmental revenues. Quarterly measurement of, and reporting on, these fund flows provides valuable insight into trends in the national economy and that of individual states. Information collected on the type and quantity of taxes collected gives comparative data on how the various levels of government fund their public sector obligations.

The Census Bureau conducts the Quarterly Summary of State & Local Government Tax Revenues (Q-Tax Survey) to provide quarterly estimates of state and local government tax revenue at a national level, as well as detailed tax revenue data for individual states. It serves as a timely source of tax data for many data users and policy makers and is the most current information available on a nationwide basis for government

tax collections. There are three components to the Q-Tax Survey. The first component is the Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections (F-71), which collects property tax data from local governments. The second component is the Quarterly Survey of State Tax Collections (F-72), which collects data comprised of 25 different tax categories for all 50 states. The third component is the Quarterly Survey of Selected Non-Property Taxes (F-73), which collects local tax revenue data for three taxes: sales and gross receipts taxes, individual income taxes, and corporation net income taxes.

The Census Bureau requests a change from paper forms to all-electronic data collection methods for the Q-Tax Survey. The Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections (F-71) and Quarterly Survey of Selected Non-Property Taxes (F-73) components will be collected electronically via Centurion, the Census Bureau's primary online reporting system. For the Quarterly Survey of State Tax Collections (F-72) component, respondents will be emailed a spreadsheet to fill out and return electronically.

The Census Bureau conducts the three components of the Q-Tax Survey to collect

state and local government tax data for this data series established in 1962. Tax collection data are used to measure economic activity for the Nation as a whole, as well as for comparison among the states. These data are also used in comparing the mix of taxes employed by individual states and in determining the revenue raising capacity of different types of taxes in different states.

Key users of these data include the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the Federal Reserve Board (FRB), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) who rely on these data to provide the most current information on the financial status of state and local governments. These data are included in the quarterly estimates of the National Income and Product Accounts developed by BEA. HUD has used the property tax data as one of nine cost indicators for developing Section 8 rent adjustments.

Legislators, policy makers, administrators, analysts, economists, and researchers use these data to monitor trends in public sector revenues. Journalists, teachers, and students use these data as well for their research purposes.

Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 161 and 182,

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

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